



MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION DAYS

November 10, 11 & 12, 2014 – Rome (Lazio Region - IT)

SAVE THE DATE AND SHORT DRAFT AGENDA
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Over the last decades, the Mediterranean basin has increasingly become a complex socio-economic, political and institutional area spanning several geographical spaces and entities as EU Member countries, pre-accession and candidate countries, countries belonging to the southern neighborhood policy, Euro-Mediterranean and multilateral institutions, as well as different sets of sub-national, economic and civil society actors. This diversity of stakeholders *de facto* represents a variety of local, regional, national, EU and global cultures, geopolitical situations, strategies and policies that share assets but also cross-cutting challenges at basin level such as sustainable and socio-economic development that concern European, Euromed and global agendas, the adaptation to and fight against climate change and environmental risks prevention, or the promotion of Blue Growth, decentralization and democratic governance, among many others.

In view of these global challenges, it therefore appears crucial to strengthen multi-level and territorial cooperation between the Mediterranean rims, in order to reinforce the assets the area naturally benefits from, while reducing and solving the common issues and challenges it has been faced with over time. The forthcoming global agenda post-2015, the European agenda for the 2014-2020 programming period, the election of the new Parliament, the reorganization of the European Commission, and the Italian Presidency of the EU Council, as well as the increased implication of Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) and stakeholders in EU cooperation (European Territorial and Decentralized cooperation on top) seem to be the

opportunity to underline the urgent need to consider, develop, and integrate the Mediterranean as a priority area of action.

In this context, the new emerging models of Macro-Regions (Baltic Sea, Danube, Adriatic-Ionian, and Alpine) and/or Sea Basin strategies, if shared by the key actors and conceived on a variable geometry and gradual perspective, could be encouraged as efficient instruments and frames for the improvement of cooperation at the basin level. Shared visions of a cohesion strategy for the Med, of its governance and implementation, as well as the reinforced participation of the local and regional levels of governance from both EU and Med Partner Countries, would therefore greatly contribute to strengthen the Mediterranean as a binding area acting as one entity towards a more efficient and relevant resolution of its main transversal and global issues.

Jointly organized by **the Lazio Region**, the **CPMR Intermediterranean Commission**, **PLATFORMA** and with the key collaboration and contribution of the **EU Med programme** projects **COASTGAP** and **COM&CAP MarInA-Med**, the **Mediterranean Cooperation Days** seek to develop specific political and technical debates on different aspects concerning the future of the basin, bringing together - into a *Multi-Level Forum* - representatives of EU and EuroMed Institutions and Assemblies (DGs of the EC, MEPs, EU Council, EESC, CoR, Union for the Mediterranean, ARLEM), local and regional authorities and networks (IMC-CPMR, Arco Latino, Med Commission of UCLG, PLATFORMA), EU ETC Programmes and Med Maritime Projects, as well as the civil society.

The *Med Cooperation Days* will start the 10th of November in the morning with the **institutional welcome session** and the **round tables «The Med beyond 2015 – how to achieve sustainable development»** organised by IMC-CPMR and [PLATFORMA](#) – which main objective is to strengthen synergies between the needs of MPC LRAs and EU development policies. The seminar will encourage discussions on a shared vision for cooperation in the Mediterranean to be promoted for the post-2015 development framework. With this in mind, further discussions will be held after the presentation of decentralized cooperation best practices in the Med towards tackling climate change effects.

In the afternoon the works will continue with a **session on the future of Macro Regional and Sea Basin Strategies in the Mediterranean** that will aim to gather the first pilot meeting of the above mentioned *Multilevel Forum*, putting into perspective the possibilities of set-up and implementation of these kind of emerging strategies towards the fulfillment of the EU2020 Strategy, European cooperation, the Integrated Maritime Policy, the Blue Growth strategy in the Mediterranean, and the implication of LRAs in such initiatives to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion.

Moreover, the following day in the frame of a joint **conference on the framework conditions for climate change adaptation in coastal areas and the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean**, the [COASTGAP](#) project (capitalization of best practices in climate change adaptation to produce governance and adaptation policies in order to reduce risk along coastal zones and foster their sustainable development) and the [COM&CAP MarInA-Med](#) project (communication and capitalization of 13 Med Maritime projects results for an integrated approach towards Blue Growth in the Mediterranean) will present and share key results and encourage debates in order to also provide consistent suggestions for the implementation of the new Med Cooperation Program. These suggestions will encompass themes such as scenarios for the implementation of Blue Growth, Maritime Spatial Planning, the Maritime Spatial Framework Directive, the **Joint Action Plan “Developing conditions for a sustainable growth in the Mediterranean”** related to the [Bologna Charter](#), etc. echoing the incentives to draw a better cooperation frame in the Med so as to tackle its global issues better and in a more coordinated, multi-level and transversal way. To this extent, **specific thematic and multi-stakeholder working groups** have been foreseen in the afternoon.

Finally, several **side events** will take place, such as Med Maritime projects meetings and steering committees, discussions and inputs to provide states-of-the-art on the above mentioned themes, as well as a final **field trip to Tarquinia** (beach nourishment works, Etruscan necropolis, Tarquinia Salt field) organized in the frame of the COASTGAP final event.

**Come, join, and enrich this Mediterranean multi-level cooperation event
with your valuable contribution!**



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Monday 10th November 2014

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Short draft agenda (speakers tbc)

Mediterranean Cooperation Days presentation

9.00-9.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9.30-10.15 WELCOME PRESENTATION SESSION

- Nicola Zingaretti, President of the Lazio Region, COASTGAP Lead partner
- President of the Intermediterranean Commission of the CPMR
- Enrico Rossi, President of the Region Tuscany, Spoke person of PLATFORMA

PLATFORMA – CPMR round tables

“The Med beyond 2015 – how to achieve sustainable development”

Themes: Agenda post 2015, Development and decentralized cooperation, Sustainable Development goals, climate challenges

10.15-11.15 POLITICAL SESSION

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.00 SESSION ON CLIMATE AND COOPERATION

13.00-13.20 GENERAL CONCLUSIONS – WRAP UP SESSION

Main participants: PLATFORMA members, IMC Regions, Representatives of EU and multilateral institutions, ARLEM, MED Commission of UCLG, Arco Latino and other key networks in the Med, local stakeholders.

13.20-14.20 Lunch break

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“Towards Macro-Regional and Sea Basin Strategies in the Mediterranean”

14.20-14.30 INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME BY THE LAZIO REGION

14.30-16.45 FIRST SESSION: 1st MEETING OF THE MULTI-LEVEL FORUM FOR THE FUTURE OF MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA-BASIN STRATEGIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MF MED)

Key questions: From the common challenges in the Med to the joint strategies: Macro-regional and/or sea basin strategies? What are the priority issues and the added values of



these approaches? What is there to capitalise? What role for the ETC and the mainstreaming? What road map for the emerging strategies?

- Key speeches and debate

Main participants for the 1st MF MED (representatives tbc.)

- Local and regional authorities:
 - ARLEM political representatives
 - CRPM-CIM Political representatives, including regions that are managing authorities of ETC programmes or liaison office in the Med
 - Arco Latino Political representatives
 - COM Med CGLU representatives
- EU and Euromed Institutions:
 - EU Council (Italy, Spain, Malta, among others)
 - EU Commission (DG Regio and Mare)
 - Union for the Mediterranean
 - EU Parliament (MEPs)
 - EESC
- Med Maritime projects: Call Med, ENPI, Others. (as observers)

16.45-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.30 SECOND SESSION: IMP AND BLUE GROWTH AS KEY PILLARS FOR THE MED MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES

- Key Speeches and debate with Med Maritime Projects as key stakeholders and participants of the 1st MF MED

18.30-19.30 Networking Cocktail: audio-visual and poster communication on COASTGAP results; Med Maritime Projects promotional video

21.00 Social Dinner (reserved to project COASTGAP and MarIna-Med partners, speakers/special guests)

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SIDE EVENTS

Steering Committee of COASTGAP (reserved to the project partners)
& IMC WG on IMP – 3rd meeting of the Bologna Charter Coordination Board

Med maritime projects advisory boards/scientific committees
(tbc)



Tuesday 11th November 2014

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***COASTGAP Final Conference and COM&CAP MarInA-MED Seminar
"Towards the framework conditions for the Climate change adaptation in
coastal areas and the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean"***

9.00-9.30 INTRODUCTORY SESSION

- Assessore Refrigeri and Paolo Lupino, Regione Lazio, welcome and introduction to COASTGAP project
- IMC Representatives (Catalonia/IMC-CPMR), introduction to COM&CAP MarInA-Med and the Med maritime projects

9.30-10.00 COASTGAP FINAL RESULTS PRESENTATION (best practices)

10.00-10.15 Coffee Break

10.15-13.30 INTEGRATED APPROACH OF MARITIME ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

- *Round table 1 (10.15 –11.30): Maritime Spatial Planning and Blue growth scenarios in the Mediterranean*
 - Future trends in the Mediterranean –MEDTRENDS project
 - Maritime Spatial Planning: challenging for coastal regions - the FACECOAST experience (MEDSANDCOAST, RITMARE, Flood-CBA)
 - Blue growth clustering scenario in the Mediterranean: methodology and perspectives, by a representative of CORINTHOS project
 - Speeches by representative of DG R&I/DG Mare on MSP
- Debate
 - Moderation and conclusions by a representative of COM&CAP MarInA-Med
- *Round table 2 (11.30-13.30): Perspectives for the implementation of the Joint Action Plan – Developing conditions for a sustainable growth in the Mediterranean, and the Med Cooperation Programme*
 - Presentation by a representative of the Med Programme
 - Presentation by a COASTGAP partner
 - Environment pressures at Med level: from policy gaps to integrated trans-boundary actions, focus on the Western Med, by MED IAMER project
 - DG ENVI on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Debate and reactions
 - Key questions: How to foster the monitoring and the implementation of EU integrated maritime policy through the ETC and other instruments and strategies?
 - Representatives of DG MARE, REGIO, R&I, ENVI, representatives from MED Member States, foreign representatives like USACE, Northern Organization, Shape, Pegaso, Esatdor/Espon, etc.
 - Moderation and conclusions by representative of the Med Programme



13.30-14.30 Buffet and Project display corner (tables with information of COASTGAP, Projects included in Facecoast, Med Maritime Projects, Pegaso, Information from the European Commission and the programme Med, PLATFORMA)

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***Working Groups on the Implementation of the Joint Action Plan
& the Med Cooperation Programme***

WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATION BOARD OF THE BOLOGNA CHARTER, THE MED MARITIME PROJECTS, THE JTS OF THE MED PROGRAMME AND THE EXPERTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DG MARE, ENVI, R&I, REGIO) / THE MEMBER STATES

Structure of the WGs: introduction by a member of the BC Coordination board/Coastgap project, debate with participants enlightening the links with the new Med Cooperation Programme and the suggestions towards the future specific actions that could be funded in the frame of the forthcoming calls for proposals.

14.30-16.00 WORKING GROUPS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAP/ THE MED CP (I)

- Workshop on DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE, NETWORK-BASED MONITORING AND DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR COASTAL ZONES

- Workshop on SUSTAINABLE USE OF STRATEGIC RESOURCES FOR THE BLUE GROWTH OF THE MED COASTS

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 WORKING GROUPS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAP/ THE MED CP (II)

- Workshop on SUPPORTING RESEARCH, INNOVATION CLUSTERS AND IMPLEMENTATION
- Workshop on RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES DRIVEN BY CLIMATE CHANGE

18.00-18.30 CONCLUDING SESSION

- **Conference Hall:** Findings and Conclusion
 - Rapporteurs
 - Med Programme

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Wednesday 12th November 2014 (full day)

Field Trip

TARQUINIA (VT)

- Visit to the 2004 beach nourishment work: results and findings
- Visit to the Etruscan Necropolis and to the Site of Community Interest (SCI)/ Special Protection Area (SPA) of Tarquinia Salt field

